

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. The Office has rejected claims 1-22 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Elliott et al. (US 2002/0064149 A1). This Office action is responsive to Applicant's communication filed on or before May 5, 2005 and has been made final.

102(e) Rejection of Claims 1, 10, and 20

Elliott does not show or suggest "classifying each of the plurality of tasks into one of a first set of groups based at least in part on one or more logon account attributes associated with the one of the one or more database sessions that initiated that task," as required by Applicant. In the action, the Office asserts that paragraphs 1121 and 3305 of Elliott contains these elements. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Elliott teaches features of a large telecommunications network. In paragraph 1121 Elliott teaches "All resources that are of the same type, share common attributes or provide the same capabilities, and are located in the same network locale may be logically grouped together to form a Resource Pool" Elliott is teaching the logical grouping of the local resources of a telecommunications network into a Resource Pool. Nowhere does Elliott show or suggest that these resources include tasks initiated by a database session. Furthermore, Elliott fails to show or suggest the classifying of tasks that are initiated by a database session into a group based at least in part on one or more logon account attributes associated with one of the database sessions that initiated the task. Paragraph 1121 of Elliott does not show or suggest the above elements of Applicant's claims.

Paragraph 3305 of Elliott teaches an order entry system with an interface that integrates the order entry capabilities such that the order entry appears to be housed in one order entry system. Elliott further teaches that the order entry system does not require independent logon sessions. This passage does not show or suggest the use of a database and Applicant is at a loss to understand how the above elements of Applicant's claims are taught by this passage. In fact, the teaching that independent logon sessions are not required would teach away from Applicant's requirement that there must be database sessions in response to logons to the database.

Elliott simply does not show or suggest the above elements of Applicant's claimed invention.

Elliott does not show or suggest "assigning a weight to each group of the first set of groups," as required by Applicant. The Office asserts that paragraph 0598 of Elliott contains these elements. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Paragraph 0598 of Elliott teaches aspects of TCP/IP network protocol. Specifically, it teaches "the packet scheduler 2060 use[s] a priority queuing technique such as Weighted Fair Queuing to help ensure that prioritized packets ... receive higher priority" This passage teaches techniques for routing packets of information across a network. This is not related in any way to Applicant's requirements. Applicant's groups comprise tasks placed in a group based at least in part on one or more logon account attributes associated with the one of the one or more database sessions that initiated that task. Applicant is assigning a weight to each group of tasks and not to a packet of information that is being transmitted across a network. Applicant's claimed elements are completely missing from Elliott. Therefore, the rejections is improper and the claims are allowable.

Rejection of Dependent Claims

Dependent claims are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as their corresponding independent claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's claims are allowable over the prior art made of record. Applicant asks the Office to reconsider this application and allow all claims. Please charge any fees that might be due, excluding the issue fee, or credit any overpayment to deposit account 14-0225.

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